

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Any further weakening of the Federal Regulations governing broadcasting are inappropriate at this time.

The Democratic Media Legal Project consists of lawyers, academic professionals, journalists, clergy, authors and other citizens concerned with the adverse effects upon the democratic functioning of our society created by the elimination of media sources which have curtailed the people's diverse voice.

We add our views to those of F.A.I.R. and the Center for Digital Democracy and will be watching the Federal Communications Commission actions in this crucial matter.